

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Application No.:** 10/539,728

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**Applicant:** Tatu Utpal

**Group Art Unit:** 1641

**Examiner:** James Leslie Grun

**Title:** Novel Assay to Screen for Anti-Malarials

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**RESPONSE TO INTERVIEW SUMMARY**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Interview Summary mailed April 15, 2009, to which a telephonic interview was conducted on April 8, 2009 with Applicant's representatives, claims 7 and 15 were discussed. As noted in the Interview Summary with regard to claim 7, § 112 rejections, proposed limitations regarding selecting a test compound that binds protein were discussed. Proposed limitations to claim 7 regarding active steps of detecting decreased growth or regarding specific reagents, as in claim 15, were also discussed with regard to the teachings of the prior art.

Applicants advise that a formal response to the outstanding Office Action will be submitted in due course addressing these issues raised by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 13, 2009

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